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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: DR. JOANA SIMIAO'S TRAVELS

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1. DR. JOANA DIMIAO VISITED EMBASSY JULY 25 TO ADVISE
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING FRECOMO AND TO REQUEST
EMBASSY TO NOTIFY OTHER POSTS OF HER TRAVEL PLANS.
SIMIAO SAID SHE LEAVING JULY 26 FOR BLANTYRE WHERE SHE
HOPES SEE MALAWI MINISTERIAL-LEVEL OFFICIALS. SIMIAO
SAID SHE WOULD CALL AT EMBASSY BLANTYRE TO REQUEST EMBASSY
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ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING "SECRET MEETING" WITH SOUTH AFRICAN

EMBASSY OFFICIALS BLANTYRE. SIMIAO SAID SHE HOPES THROUGH SAG TO MAKE CONTACT WITH CHIEF BUTHELEZI AND MRS. SUZMAN, AS WELL AS TO INFORM SAG OF FRECOMO'S POSITIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS. THROUGH SAG SHE HOPES CONTACT BISHOP MUZOREWA OF RHODESIA. CHARGE ADVISED DR. SIMIAO (PER REFTELS) THAT ALTHOUGH HE WOULD ADVISE EMBASSIES OF HER PROPOSED TRAVEL PLANS THAT IT WAS USG POLICY NOT RPT NOT TO INTERVENE IN INTERNAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF MOZAMBIQUE.

2. FOLLOWING VISIT BLANTYRE, SIMIAO PLANS TRAVEL TO LONDON WHERE SHE HOPES HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE AND BE INTERVIEWED ON BBC FOR BROADCAST TO EAST AFRICA. FOLLOWING LONDON STOP, SIMIAO PROPOSES TRAVEL TO LISBON TO MEET WITH SPINOLA AND COSTA GOMES. SIMIAO REQUESTED EMBOFF POST IN LISBON TO CONTACT HER AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL. SIMIAO ALSO SAUD URIAH SIMANGO PLANS VISIT NAIROBI. SHE ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY SHE WOULD TRAVEL TO NEW YORK TO CONSULT UN.

3. ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, SIMIAO SAID SHE HOPES TO RESCHEDULE POSTPONED NAMPULA CONFERENCE FOLLOWING HER VISIT TO LISBON. IN MEANTIME, SIMIAO SAID FRECOMO IS STILL WORKING TO MOBILIZE PEOPLE AND POLITICAL GROUPS TO UNITE UNDER ITS LEADERSHIP. SIMIAO CLAIMS SHE HAS SUPPORT OF THREE MILLION MACUAS AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER TRIBES. SIMIAO CRITIZED BY IMPLICATION COREMO'S PAUL GUMANE FOR REMAINING ABROAD INSTEAD OF RETURNING TO MOZAMBIQUE "WHERE THE ACTION IS". SIMIAO INDICATED SHE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE CONTACT GUMANS RECENTLY. SHE SAID IF FUMANE UNWILLING RETURN MOZAMBIQUE TO ACCEPT PRESIDENCY OF FRECOMO THAT URIAH SIMANGO WILL ACCEPT PRESIDENCY INSTEAD. REGARDING SOUTH AFRICA, SIMIAO SAID SHE BELIEVES IN "MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE" AND IN NOT DESTROYING ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED. SIMIAO SAID SHE AGREES WITH PRESIDENT BANDA IN THIS RESPECT. SIMIAO ALSO CALLED ON NYERE AND KAUNDA TO WORK FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION BETWEEN BLACK POLITICAL PARTIES IN MOZAMBIQUE. SHE ALSO CONDEMNED ACTION OF KAUNDA IN ARRESTING COREMO MEMBERS. WITH RESPECT TO FRELIMO, SIMIAO SAID SHE AGREES THAT MACHEL SHOULD RULE MOZAMBIQUE BUT SAID THAT FRECOMO MUST BE REPRESENTED IN GOVERNMENT.

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4. MOEHENTIO WHATEVER SUPPORT SIMIAO MAY HAVE HAD BEFORE, IT IMPRESSION OF EMBASSY, WHICH WAS CONFIRMED SEPARATELY BE EDITOR LOCAL NEWSPAPER WHOM SIMIAO SOUGHT OUT, THAT SHE SEEMS LESS CONFIDENT OF HER POSITION THAN ON PREVIOUS VISITS. HER RAPID-FIRE NAME-DROPPING OF AFRICAN LEADERS WHOM SHE MUST CONSULT GAVE IMPRESSION SHE SCRAMBLING SOMEWHAT FRANTICALLY FOR SUPPORT.

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